

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-56. (Canceled)

57. (Original) A method for facilitating interactivity between objects appearing on a desktop and in windows of a computer user interface, comprising the steps of:

displaying one or more windows in a normal view such that the windows can obscure a user's view of objects on the desktop of the user interface;

temporarily removing the windows from their obscuring positions in response to a first user command;

selecting at least one of said desktop objects while the windows are removed;

returning the windows to their original positions in response to a second command from the user, while maintaining the selection of said desktop object; and

placing the selected object in one of said windows.

58. (Original) The method of claim 57 wherein the step of temporarily removing the windows comprises the steps of displaying a border area along at least one edge of the desktop, and moving the windows to positions within said border area.

59. (Original) The method of claim 58 wherein the step of returning the windows is initiated by dragging the selected desktop object to said border area.

60. (Original) A method for facilitating interactivity between objects appearing on a desktop and in windows of a computer user interface, comprising the steps of:

displaying one or more windows in a normal view such that the windows can obscure a user's view of objects on the desktop of the user interface;

selecting an object in a window;

temporarily removing the windows from their obscuring positions in response to a first user command, while maintaining the selection of the object;

placing the selected object on the desktop or a desktop object while the windows are removed; and

returning the windows to their original positions in response to a second command from the user.

Claims 61-75. (Canceled)

76. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said second command comprises releasing the selected object onto the desktop or desktop object.

77. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein at least one of said first and second commands comprises moving a cursor to a predetermined area on the desktop.

78. (New) The method of claim 77, wherein said predetermined area comprises a designated corner of the desktop.

79. (New) The method of claim 77, wherein said first user command is invoked by dragging the selected object to the predetermined area with the cursor.

80. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein at least one of said first and second commands comprises moving a cursor to a predetermined area on the desktop.

81. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein said predetermined area comprises a designated corner of the desktop.

82. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein said second command is invoked by dragging the selected object to the predetermined area with the cursor.

83. (New) A method for facilitating interactivity between objects appearing on a desktop and in windows of a computer user interface, comprising the steps of:
displaying one or more windows in a first view such that the windows can obscure a user's view of objects on the desktop of the user interface;
temporarily removing the windows from their obscuring positions in a second view, in response to a first user command;
returning the windows to their original positions of said first view, in response to a second command from the user;
selecting an object in one of the windows or from the desktop while one of the first or second views, respectively, is being displayed; and
placing said selected object on the desktop or in one of said windows, respectively, after switching to the other of said first or second views.

84. (New) The method of claim 83 wherein the step of temporarily removing the windows comprises the steps of displaying a border area along at least one edge of the desktop, and moving the windows to positions within said border area.

85. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein the step of returning the windows is initiated by dragging the selected desktop object to said border area.

86. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein at least one of said first and second commands comprises moving a cursor to a predetermined area on the desktop.

87. (New) The method of claim 86, wherein said predetermined area comprises a designated corner of the desktop.